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1. An elevator apparatus comprising:
an actuating device including a sheave around which a rope
engaged with an ascending and descending cage is wound, said sheave
5 being adapted to rotate thereby to move said rope with its rotation,
and a driving section for rotating said sheave,

wherein said actuating device is installed in a machine room
provided on a top floor of a building in which said ascending and
descending cage is disposed, and said machine room faces with an
10 elevator passage for said cage.

2. The elevator apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said
actuating device includes a support member, a speed-reducer
mounted on a first side of said support member, a motor assembly
mounted on a second side of said support member, and a brake
15 assembly supported on said second side of said support member,
said second side being opposite from said first side.

3. The elevator apparatus according to claim 2, wherein
said speed-reducer, said motor assembly and said brake assembly
are arranged coaxially to one another.

20 4. The elevator apparatus according to claim 2, wherein
said brake assembly is arranged radially inwardly of said motor
assembly.

5. The elevator apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

an output shaft of said ~~speed~~-reducer constitutes said sheave.

Sub 027 6. ~~The~~ elevator apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said support member is attached to a floor surface of said machine room.

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